Oswald-Psychiatric HW 1/18/73

Because I had expected nothing of it, I have not begun to read the formerly-secrt transcript of the staff-shrink conference on Oswald's emotional or mental state. It is more incredible than I'd expected. I read perhaps half of it yesterday. The shrink s vie with each other in palpably unscientific opinions and when even the staff and on one occasion Dulles could not accept their intellectual and scientific rubbish, the shrinks argued against them! One was the conjecture that Oswald had congenital reading difficulty. From this other things were conjectured. That he read extensively and diligently the shrinks discounted, saying he could have learned what he learned from people rather than the books he read. That tests made refuted the conjectures was discounted simply because the shrinks said they didn't know the conditions of the tests, even military. One of the shrinks had a vested interest in this, he had already made the Army's study of men who had threatened the President (did anyone know that Oswald had threatened the President?). This had to agree with his conclusions in it or it was destroyed. And it is odd that his study(?) took so long to appear. This is also an example of the declassification of what is well within proper restriction: details of a personal nature of Marguerite's life not relevant to the assassination. It turns out that she had lived with Eckdahl for a year as his nurse before marrying him. Marriage was his idea, not hers. He engaged her as a nurse. What can't be avoided to the point I've reached is not that there was no case of mental illness but rather that there was a case of no mental illness. There is from this alone no possibility of staff innocence in the Report, for they knew better, with Liebeler, Jenner, Redlich and Slawson having argued against the shrinks and expressed disbelief to the point I've reached.